

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
REVISING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR REQUIRED COVID-19
VACCINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, VISITORS AND OTHERS**

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the New York City Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene declared the existence of a public health emergency within the City to address the continuing threat posed by COVID-19 to the health and welfare of City residents, and such declaration and public health emergency continue to be in effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.01(d) of the Health Code, I am authorized to issue orders and take actions that I deem necessary for the health and safety of the City and its residents when urgent public health action is necessary to protect the public health against an existing threat and a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to such section; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2021, I issued, and on September 17, 2021, the Board of Health ratified, an Order requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) employees, contractors, visitors, and others; and

WHEREAS, under such Order, DOE staff, charter school staff, and individuals who work in-person in a DOE school setting or DOE building were required to provide proof of vaccination no later than September 27, 2021; and


WHEREAS, on September 24, 2021, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit entered a temporary injunction of said Order, and then on September 27, 2021, the same Court dissolved such injunction;

NOW THEREFORE I, Dave A. Chokshi, MD, MSc, Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene, finding that a public health emergency within New York City continues, and that it is necessary for the health and safety of the City and its residents, do hereby exercise the power of the Board of Health to prevent, mitigate, control and abate the current emergency, to

AMEND my September 15, 2021 Order requiring COVID-19 vaccination for DOE employees, contractors, visitors and others, as ratified by the Board of Health on September 17, 2021, to:

1. Require that any proof of vaccination previously required to be provided by September 27, 2021, or before beginning employment, now be provided no later than Friday, October 1, 2021, or before beginning employment; and
2. Require that beginning Monday, October 4, 2021, any visitor to a DOE school building show proof of receipt of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, as described in such Order.

Dated: September 28, 2021



Dave A. Chokshi, M.D., MSc
Commissioner